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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY MODIFICATION OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT(S) TO DISCHARGE INTO WATER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS UNDER SECTION 402 OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (FWPCA)

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-123-76

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 16, 1976 - May 17, 1976

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1) APPLICANT NAME:

Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp.

MAILING ADDRESS:

1605 East Rodney French Blvd.

New Bedford, MA 02744

APPLICATION NUMBERS:

MA0003930

This facility is engaged in the manufacture of apparatus for storage and utilization of electrical energy. The application pertains to one existing discharge (average flow is 64,000 gallons per day), consisting of cooling water to the storm drain to the Fort Phoenix Beach, a Class SB watercourse, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. The proposed permit requires the applicant to maintain the present quantity and quality of the discharge. This permit will expire June 1, 1980.

PROPOSED PERMIT MODIFICATION

The proposed permit limits the concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls to be discharged to the water and/or municipal sewers to 0.001 mg/l on a daily average by July 1, 1977.

2) APPLICANT NAME:

Aerovox Industries

MAILING ADDRESS:

742 Belleville Avenue New Bedford, MA 02741

APPLICATION NUMBERS:

MA0003379

This facility is engaged in the manufacture of capacitors. The application pertain to one existing discharge, (average flow is 300,000 gpd), consisting of process wastewater (SIC 36) to the Acushnet River, a Class B watercourse, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. The proposed permit requires the applicant to maintain pretreatment effluent qualities. This permit will expire January 1, 1977.

PRGPOSED PERMIT MODIFICATION

The proposed permit limits the concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls to be discharged to the waters and/or municipal sewers to 0.001 mg/l on a daily average by July 1, 1977.

3) APPLICANT NAME:

Sprague Electric Company

Brown Street Plant

MAILING ADDRESS:

87 Marshall Street North Adams, MA 01247

APPLICATION NUMBERS:

MA0005924

This facility is engaged in the production of electronic "capacitors" per day (SIC 493, 3679). The application pertains to 1 existing discharge (average flow is 475,000 gallons per day), consisting of cooling water and process waters to the Hoosac River, North and South Branches, a Class B watercourse, at North Adams, Massachusetts. The proposed permit requires the applicant to treat all contaminated wastewaters to levels consistent with the application of best practicable control technology currently available by July 1, 1977 and to restrict all cooling water discharge, volumes and temperatures to levels which will maintain State water quality standards. This permit will expire five years from the date of issuance.

PROPOSED PERMIT MODIFICATION

The proposed permit limits the concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls to be discharged to the water and/or municipal sewers to 0.001 mg/l on a daily average by July 1, 1977.

4) APPLICANT NAME:

General Electric Company

MAILING ADDRESS:

100 Woodlawn Avenue Building 43, Room 390 Pittsfield, MA 01201

APPLICATION NUMBERS:

MA0003391

This facility is engaged in the manufacture of electrical machinery (SIC 3612). The application pertains to ten existing discharges (average flow is 6 million gallons per day), consisting of process waste, non-contact cooling water, and stormwater runoff to the East Branch of the Housatonic River, Silver Lake, and an unnamed brook, a Class C watercourse, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The proposed permit requires the applicant to install and operate waste treatment facilities by November 1, 1975. This permit will expire December 15, 1980.

PROPOSED PERMIT MODIFICATION

The proposed permit limits the concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls removed from the contaminated ground water and discharged to the surface waters equal to or less than 0.010 mg/l on a daily average by July 1, 1977.

TENTATIVE DECISION ON PROPOSED PERMIT MODIFICATION

The Regional Administrator and the Director have made a preliminary finding that the modification requested by the permittee will not violate State water quality standards and applicable provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended in 1972 (FWPCA) and have made a tentative decision to grant the modification requested.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information relative to the proposed permit modification may be obtained by writing the Environmental Protection Agency at the address given below or by calling (617)223-5061. The complete application, permit and other information are on file and may be inspected at the EPA or DWPC, Boston offices. Copies may be obtained at a cost of 20¢ per page from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the EPA office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public comments on the proposed modification are invited and should be submitted in writing prior to May 17, 1976 to either the DWPC or EPA, Boston offices, at listed addresses above. Prior to such date, any person may submit a request in writing to these offices for an informal public hearing to consider the proposed modification. A hearing will be held only if response to this notice indicates significant public interest. The application numbers should appear on the envelope and on the first page of any submitted comments. All comments received prior to the above date will be considered in the formulation of the final determinations.

Following the thirty (30) day comment period, determinations will be made by the Regional Administrator of the EPA and the Director of the DWPC with respect to each permit modification. Where determinations remain substantially unchanged from the proposed permit modification prepared, the Regional Administrator and Director will forward a copy of determinations to any person who has submitted written comments regarding the permit modification. Where determinations are substantially changed from the proposed permit modification prepared, the Regional Administrator will provide public notice of such determinations, including a mailing to interested persons, as well as to those persons submitting written comments. Persons who feel that they wish to request a formal adjudicatory hearing on the matter of the final permit modification should file written comments during this thirty (30) day comment period.

Within ten (10) days of the date of receipt of the final determinations, any interested person may request an adjudicatory hearing of the Regional Administrator in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. \$125.36(b) and (c), 39 FR 27081. A similar request should also be filed with the Director within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the final determinations in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Administrative Procedure Act and the Division's Rules for the Conduct of Adjudicatory Proceedings.

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